

Unit 2. Iowithla River Corridor

Background

Land Status. The lower and middle portions of the unit are owned by the state. Other portions are federal land selected by the state. The upper portion of the unit is adjacent to the Wood-Tikchik State Park. No Native allotments are in the unit.

Miles of River. The main channel of the Iowithla River extends for 49 miles.

Access. Motorboat and airplane access is difficult. The unit is easily accessed from nearby communities by snowmobile. The unit is located near Dillingham.

Existing Development. No cabins are located in this unit. One site which has been used for a commercial sport fishing camp is located near the Nushagak River.

Fisheries. The river supports spawning habitat for all species of salmon and low to moderate populations of freshwater fish.

Sport and subsistence fishing uses are low because of relatively low abundance and difficult access. Except for the use originating from a commercial camp in 1988, little commercial use takes place on the river.

Wildlife. Moose density is moderate; caribou density is low. The Muklung Hills vicinity provides essential brown bear denning habitat.

This unit is closed to caribou hunting. It is also closed to moose hunting during the winter subsistence season. Subsistence hunting for moose is moderate and takes place in the fall. Sport hunting for moose is low but increasing, mostly unguided, and is generally associated with floating.

Trails and Easements. None.

Other Values. Scenic values are moderate because of landscape diversity near the river and views of the Muklung Hills. Floating use is currently low but increasing.

Management Intent

Primitive use experience.

Management Guidelines

Long-term Use (longer than 14 consecutive days at one site):

Permanent facilities	Prohibited.
Temporary facilities	Prohibited.
Trapping cabins	Prohibited.
Boat storage	Prohibited.
Airstrip development	Prohibited.
Docks: permanent	Prohibited.
temporary	Prohibited.
Other uses	May be allowed (case-by-case).

Short-term Use (14 consecutive days or less at one site):

See Short-term Uses (generally allowed uses) in Chapter 2.

Other Guidelines Specific to this Unit

- U2.1 Long-term Uses Associated with Mineral/Oil and Gas Activity. For long-term uses associated with mineral and oil and gas exploration and development, see Chapter 2 guideline.
- U2.2 Siting Criteria. Long-term uses should be sited out of view from the main river channel.

Public Use Sites

See Public Use Sites in Chapter 2 for management guidelines. Specific locations of sites are shown on maps in Appendix C.

- Site 7 Upland wheeled plane landing area on the Iowithla River near the Muklung Hills.
- Site 8 Campsite and floatplane landing area on an unnamed lake near the Muklung Hills.

Recommendations for this Unit

None.